

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 784

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas is pleased to recognize Valerie Simpson for her outstanding work in the office of Representative Todd Smith; and

**WHEREAS**, A junior at The University of Texas at Austin, Valerie was a participant in the Texas Legislative Internship Program sponsored by the Mickey Leland Center on World Hunger and Peace at Texas Southern University; and

**WHEREAS**, This excellent internship program, established in December of 1990, provides a unique opportunity for students from Texas colleges and universities to serve as interns in the Texas Legislature, in state and local government offices, and in nonprofit organizations; and

**WHEREAS**, Students receive academic credit for participating in the program, which combines academic study and research with supervised practical training; Senator Rodney Ellis serves as a program advisor, and the senator's office assists with coordinating the on-site activities; and

**WHEREAS**, As an intern, Valerie has gained firsthand knowledge of the governmental process and work experience in a political environment, as well as insight into the issues facing our communities and our state today; and

**WHEREAS**, Diligent, resourceful, and talented, Valerie skillfully handled the multifaceted duties of the representative's office and ably assisted with the needs of constituents; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby commend Valerie Simpson for her exceptional contributions to the office of Representative Todd Smith and extend to her best wishes for the future; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for her as an expression of esteem from the Texas Senate.

Ellis

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 4, 2005.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate